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Compulsory Subjects in Schools and Madarsas
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to frame rules to make the optional subjects like English, Mathematics, Science etc. compulsory in the curriculums of all the Government aided schools and also in madarsas in the country;
(b) if so, the status thereof and time by which these subjects are likely to be made compulsory and if not, the reasons therefor;
(c) whether the Government also proposes to take action against said schools which do not teach these subjects; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d) Mathematics and Science are compulsory for classes IX-X in all the schools including Govt-aided schools, affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). Hindi or English is one of the compulsory languages for classes IX-X. However, in classes XI-XII, English, Mathematics and Science are optional in the schools affiliated to CBSE. Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM) provides financial assistance to traditional institutions like Madarsas and Maktabs to introduce Science, Mathematics, Social Sciences, Hindi and English in their curriculum for classes I-XII.
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